

# European aviation agency sets up drone collision task force

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The European Aviation Safety Agency is setting up a task force to examine the risk of collisions between drones and aircraft.

Wednesday's announcement follows an incident last month in which a British Airways jet was initially believed to have hit a drone as it approached London's Heathrow Airport. It later turned out to have hit a different, unidentified object.

The Cologne, Germany-based EASA says it will chair the [task force](#), which will include representatives of plane and engine makers. It will consult with European and other authorities and will publish the results of the examination at the end of July.

EASA says the panel will review "all relevant occurrences," analyze existing studies on drone-plane impacts, study the vulnerabilities of [aircraft](#) and consider the possibility of further research and tests.

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